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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: **Docket # 07 - 16**

Dear Madam Secretary:

Cuyahoga County is the largest urban area in the state of Ohio. Our diverse population of over 1 million residents is primarily represented by a highly skilled and trained work force with strong family and community ties. Our region has suffered however, from the decline of manufacturing positions, corporation consolidations, and lagging economic development. In order to compete in the global economy, Cuyahoga County must utilize every available resource possible, especially computer technology. The computer is a small-business tool, an economic engine for digital companies, and an access to international markets for any size entrepreneur. Free, broadband Internet access, as proposed by M2Z Networks, would provide a stimulus to our struggling economy.

Free Internet access also spans the digital divide we see in our community. According to statistics provided by the National Center for Education, less than 50% of Hispanic and African-American students use the Internet. Cuyahoga County has significant Hispanic and African-American populations; it is our obligation to assist our residents in achieving their highest potential, thereby raising the entire community.

I ask the Commission to please approve docket 07 - 16.

Sincerely,

Joseph Gauntner, Director  
Employment & Family Services

CC: FCC Chairman Kevin Martin  
Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, McDowell, Tate  
FCC Wireless Bureau Chief Fred Campbell  
Senator Sherrod Brown

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*"The mission of Employment & Family Services is to improve the economic well being and quality of life for the people of Cuyahoga County. We do this by providing access to jobs, benefits, and community services and by strengthening families."*

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